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Date: August 3, 2008

To: School Nutrition Programs  
Supervisor/Director

From: Judy Wilson  
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RE: SY 2009 Planned Assistance Level (PAL) Calculations

The Planned Assistance Level (PAL) represents the dollar value of USDA commodities your school is eligible to receive during the school year.

PAL is calculated by taking your Average Daily Meals (ADM) from the 2008 School Year times the per-meal value of donated food assistance for the NSLP (National School Lunch Program). The per-meal value is published each year by the USDA and for the 2009 School Year will be 20.75 per meal.

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